

## LINER'S VOYAGE BEGINS AND ENDS WITH TRAGEDY

Body of La Bretagne's Captain  
Found in the Water Just  
Before Start.

THEN A PASSENGER DIES. HELP WAS TOO LATE

Signor Cerutti Passes Away  
as the Ship Nears  
This Port.

The French liner La Bretagne, which reached port to-day nine days from Havre, began and ended her voyage under tragic circumstances. Capt. Pierre Verlyne, who had been in command of the vessel for eight years, was found dead, floating in the water alongside the pier, just before the vessel sailed from Havre, and Sig. Cerutti, a first cabin passenger, died as the boarding officers were going aboard at Quarantine to-day.

The hoodoo on La Bretagne stuck until she was tied up at the French liner pier. As she was off the pier and maneuvering to go alongside, a steel hawser was passed from the deck to the shore. Except at the extreme ends the hawser was under water.

Entangled with Tug.

The tug Lewis Pulver steamed down the river in a great hurry to get some where and attempted to pass between the pier and the steamship. The hawser tightened just as the tug was passing over it. The stern of the tug was lifted clear out of the water, two men on her lower deck were thrown from their feet and the big steel cable then became entangled in the propeller.

It became necessary to cast the hawser loose from the pier in order to get the disabled tug out of the way. Divers went down to disentangle the twist of wire about the propeller.

Capt. Verlyne's death created a sensation in Havre. He left his home at 10 o'clock the night before the vessel sailed to go aboard. No one on the ship saw him that night, but the door of his room was open the next morning and there were indications that he had occupied it.

As the sailing hour approached, a messenger was sent to his room to summon him to the ship. His wife replied to the messenger, stating that Capt. Verlyne had started the night before for his vessel. At about that time a body was discovered afloat near the ship. It was the body of Capt. Verlyne.

Probably Fell Overboard.

There was a deep cut on the back of his head, but no other evidence of injury. His watch and money were intact. It is supposed that after boarding the vessel he started ashore again, slipped on the gangway and fell head-first to the float moored alongside the pier.

Signor Cerutti boarded the vessel at Havre, accompanied by his wife. He was ill at the time and announced that he was on his way to the Pacific coast. The voyage was extremely rough and the lost strength all the way. He died in sight of New York.

Of the fifty-four first cabin passengers not occupied with sickness, but William Gillette, the eleven-month-old son of Mr. Harold Gillette, of Graham Court, South avenue and One Hundred and Sixteenth street, William enjoyed the trip and demanded his nourishment at the usual hours. He was the hero of the voyage.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 17.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Three furlongs; purse, \$100.  
441 Grotto 119  
442 Texas 118  
443 W. A. Leahy 116  
444 Hoots 115  
445 Silver 114  
446 Warden 113  
447 Westmore 112  
448 All Red 111  
449 Pearl 110  
450 Prefect 109  
451 Bookbinder 108  
452 Servitude 107  
453 Constance 106  
454 Edwin 105

SECOND RACE—Steeplechase; short course.  
455 Waterbury 119  
456 Pete Vinegar 118  
457 Dr. Hurd 117  
458 Ruck 116  
459 Profitable 115  
460 Dumpling 114  
461 Monte Carlo 113

THIRD RACE—Five furlongs; selling.  
462 Meadow Green 119  
463 Baitoria 118  
464 Elizabeth 117  
465 Bertie 116  
466 Mary 115  
467 Lady Almy 114  
468 Mondella 113  
469 Detroit 112  
470 Teria 111  
471 Naskom 110  
472 Brunel 109  
473 Bitter 108  
474 Lady Pink 107  
475 Fashion 106  
476 Jovial 105

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs; handicap.  
477 Baitoria 119  
478 King's Daughter 118  
479 Al Muller 117  
480 Haystack 116  
481 Jack Ashkin 115  
482 Two Beach 114  
483 Colony 113

FIFTH RACE—Seven furlongs; purse.  
484 Jersey Lady 119  
485 Arful 118  
486 French 117  
487 Lady Esther 116  
488 French Nun 115  
489 Yello 114  
490 Madway 113  
491 Conyola 112  
492 Tokalon 111  
493 Sam Taylor 110  
494 Amalas 109  
495 Crutalun 108  
496 Home 107  
497 Pinbrand 106  
498 Caliberant 105  
499 Green Seal 104  
500 Colony 103

SIXTH RACE—One mile and a sixteenth.  
501 Pine Oak 119  
502 Blue 118  
503 Blue 117  
504 Blue 116  
505 Blue 115  
506 Blue 114  
507 Blue 113  
508 Blue 112  
509 Blue 111  
510 Blue 110  
511 Blue 109  
512 Blue 108  
513 Blue 107  
514 Blue 106  
515 Blue 105  
516 Blue 104  
517 Blue 103  
518 Blue 102  
519 Blue 101  
520 Blue 100

SEVENTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
521 Blue 119  
522 Blue 118  
523 Blue 117  
524 Blue 116  
525 Blue 115  
526 Blue 114  
527 Blue 113  
528 Blue 112  
529 Blue 111  
530 Blue 110  
531 Blue 109  
532 Blue 108  
533 Blue 107  
534 Blue 106  
535 Blue 105  
536 Blue 104  
537 Blue 103  
538 Blue 102  
539 Blue 101  
540 Blue 100

EIGHTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
541 Blue 119  
542 Blue 118  
543 Blue 117  
544 Blue 116  
545 Blue 115  
546 Blue 114  
547 Blue 113  
548 Blue 112  
549 Blue 111  
550 Blue 110  
551 Blue 109  
552 Blue 108  
553 Blue 107  
554 Blue 106  
555 Blue 105  
556 Blue 104  
557 Blue 103  
558 Blue 102  
559 Blue 101  
560 Blue 100

NINTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
561 Blue 119  
562 Blue 118  
563 Blue 117  
564 Blue 116  
565 Blue 115  
566 Blue 114  
567 Blue 113  
568 Blue 112  
569 Blue 111  
570 Blue 110  
571 Blue 109  
572 Blue 108  
573 Blue 107  
574 Blue 106  
575 Blue 105  
576 Blue 104  
577 Blue 103  
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579 Blue 101  
580 Blue 100

TENTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
581 Blue 119  
582 Blue 118  
583 Blue 117  
584 Blue 116  
585 Blue 115  
586 Blue 114  
587 Blue 113  
588 Blue 112  
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591 Blue 109  
592 Blue 108  
593 Blue 107  
594 Blue 106  
595 Blue 105  
596 Blue 104  
597 Blue 103  
598 Blue 102  
599 Blue 101  
600 Blue 100

Eleventh RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
601 Blue 119  
602 Blue 118  
603 Blue 117  
604 Blue 116  
605 Blue 115  
606 Blue 114  
607 Blue 113  
608 Blue 112  
609 Blue 111  
610 Blue 110  
611 Blue 109  
612 Blue 108  
613 Blue 107  
614 Blue 106  
615 Blue 105  
616 Blue 104  
617 Blue 103  
618 Blue 102  
619 Blue 101  
620 Blue 100

Twelfth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
621 Blue 119  
622 Blue 118  
623 Blue 117  
624 Blue 116  
625 Blue 115  
626 Blue 114  
627 Blue 113  
628 Blue 112  
629 Blue 111  
630 Blue 110  
631 Blue 109  
632 Blue 108  
633 Blue 107  
634 Blue 106  
635 Blue 105  
636 Blue 104  
637 Blue 103  
638 Blue 102  
639 Blue 101  
640 Blue 100

Thirteenth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
641 Blue 119  
642 Blue 118  
643 Blue 117  
644 Blue 116  
645 Blue 115  
646 Blue 114  
647 Blue 113  
648 Blue 112  
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651 Blue 109  
652 Blue 108  
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654 Blue 106  
655 Blue 105  
656 Blue 104  
657 Blue 103  
658 Blue 102  
659 Blue 101  
660 Blue 100

Fourteenth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
661 Blue 119  
662 Blue 118  
663 Blue 117  
664 Blue 116  
665 Blue 115  
666 Blue 114  
667 Blue 113  
668 Blue 112  
669 Blue 111  
670 Blue 110  
671 Blue 109  
672 Blue 108  
673 Blue 107  
674 Blue 106  
675 Blue 105  
676 Blue 104  
677 Blue 103  
678 Blue 102  
679 Blue 101  
680 Blue 100

Fifteenth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
681 Blue 119  
682 Blue 118  
683 Blue 117  
684 Blue 116  
685 Blue 115  
686 Blue 114  
687 Blue 113  
688 Blue 112  
689 Blue 111  
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691 Blue 109  
692 Blue 108  
693 Blue 107  
694 Blue 106  
695 Blue 105  
696 Blue 104  
697 Blue 103  
698 Blue 102  
699 Blue 101  
700 Blue 100

Sixteenth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
701 Blue 119  
702 Blue 118  
703 Blue 117  
704 Blue 116  
705 Blue 115  
706 Blue 114  
707 Blue 113  
708 Blue 112  
709 Blue 111  
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711 Blue 109  
712 Blue 108  
713 Blue 107  
714 Blue 106  
715 Blue 105  
716 Blue 104  
717 Blue 103  
718 Blue 102  
719 Blue 101  
720 Blue 100

Seventeenth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
721 Blue 119  
722 Blue 118  
723 Blue 117  
724 Blue 116  
725 Blue 115  
726 Blue 114  
727 Blue 113  
728 Blue 112  
729 Blue 111  
730 Blue 110  
731 Blue 109  
732 Blue 108  
733 Blue 107  
734 Blue 106  
735 Blue 105  
736 Blue 104  
737 Blue 103  
738 Blue 102  
739 Blue 101  
740 Blue 100

Eighteenth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
741 Blue 119  
742 Blue 118  
743 Blue 117  
744 Blue 116  
745 Blue 115  
746 Blue 114  
747 Blue 113  
748 Blue 112  
749 Blue 111  
750 Blue 110  
751 Blue 109  
752 Blue 108  
753 Blue 107  
754 Blue 106  
755 Blue 105  
756 Blue 104  
757 Blue 103  
758 Blue 102  
759 Blue 101  
760 Blue 100

Nineteenth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
761 Blue 119  
762 Blue 118  
763 Blue 117  
764 Blue 116  
765 Blue 115  
766 Blue 114  
767 Blue 113  
768 Blue 112  
769 Blue 111  
770 Blue 110  
771 Blue 109  
772 Blue 108  
773 Blue 107  
774 Blue 106  
775 Blue 105  
776 Blue 104  
777 Blue 103  
778 Blue 102  
779 Blue 101  
780 Blue 100

Twentieth RACE—Mile and a sixteenth.  
781 Blue 119  
782 Blue 118  
783 Blue 117  
784 Blue 116  
785 Blue 115  
786 Blue 114  
787 Blue 113  
788 Blue 112  
789 Blue 111  
790 Blue 110  
791 Blue 109  
792 Blue 108  
793 Blue 107  
794 Blue 106  
795 Blue 105  
796 Blue 104  
797 Blue 103  
798 Blue 102  
799 Blue 101  
800 Blue 100

## WILLIAM SELLS, CIRCUS OWNER, DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken With Attack of Gas-  
tritis and Found Dying  
by Landlady.

HELP WAS TOO LATE

Separated From Wife and  
Once Figured in Fight  
Over a Woman.

William Sells, son of Allen Sells, one of the circus-owning brothers, died suddenly to-day in a furnished-room house at No. 15 West Thirty-fifth street. Mr. Sells' death is believed to have been due to gastritis. He is said to have been drinking heavily of late. For several weeks he had been in poor health and had been treated by Dr. Campbell, of No. 21 Lenox avenue.

The house in which Sells lived was owned by Mrs. Elizabeth McWilliams. She heard him groaning early this morning and found him in pain. She sent Louis G. Lereau, another roomer, for a physician. As Lereau was running from the basement he was stopped by Police-  
man Francis Kelly, of the West Thirty-fifth street station.

"Don't arrest me until I get a doctor," said Lereau. "There's a man dying in here."

Kelly sent for an ambulance from New York Hospital and went into the house to investigate. He found Sells breathing his last. When Dr. Foucar came he said Sells was beyond his aid.

Father Originated Big Circus.

Sells' father was the originator of the big circus. He amassed a considerable fortune, but before he died sold his show to his brothers, Peter and Lew Sells. A large part of his fortune was left to a son of William Sells, now in school in Leavenworth, Kan.

Sells and his wife are said to have parted more than a year ago. In February, 1907, Mrs. Sells, who had been living in Venice, Cal., was anxious to find her husband to settle business regarding the estate left to her son. He was located after difficulty.

Trouble Over Woman.

In August, 1906, George B. Walker, of Chicago, threatened to sue Sells for \$20,000 damages, alleging that Sells had broken his jaw in a fight over Blanche Homans, a singer in a minstrel comedy. It was brought out at the time that Miss Homans was also known as Blanche Williams. It was charged by Walker that he was attending one of Miss Homans' "musical" evenings when Sells arrived at the flat and attacked him.

The police learned to-day that Mrs. Blanche Weber, of No. 29 West Sixty-first street, was a close friend of Sells', but they could not identify Blanche Weber as the Blanche Homans of Walker's charge.

Well Known Years Ago.

William Sells was well known to circus-going folks twenty years ago as the "bouncing jockey." He was usually billed as "The Chesterfield of the Arena" and "The Duke of Topeka."

Louis Cook, the old circus man, now manager of the Barnum & Bailey shows, said today that until he took on William Sells, who was one of the cleverest circus performers in America, upon the death of his father the son was left a fortune of \$200,000 in trust.

After his weight forced him to give up his work on a circus, Sells was a gambler two or three shows of his own, one of which was known as the "Sells & Lows Show" and another as the "Sells & Flo's Circus." The latter was owned by H. H. Tannen, editor of the Denver Post.

GETS \$15,000 VERDICT.

Policeman Miskel Was Killed in Collision and His Wife Sued.

Mrs. Caroline Miskel, of Long Island City, got a verdict for \$15,000 from Justice Scudder, of the Flushing Supreme Court, to-day for the loss of her husband, George Miskel, a policeman atached to the Twenty-first Precinct, Manhattan, whose death resulted from a collision between a patrol wagon and a car.

George Miskel was returning to his home at No. 100 West 100th street, at 100, and when the car struck the police conveyance he was thrown into the street, suffering fractured skull. He died six days later. Attorney Lewis of Lenox investigation fame, handled the suit for Mrs. Miskel.

It's Perfectly Natural

for a department store clerk to try to convince you that he is "capable" of biting eyeglasses. There's one thing that he can do—he can talk and talk well. That is why there are so many people wearing improperly fitting glasses. Don't be one of the unfortunate. Consult our OCUHISTS, who are REGISTERED PHYSICIANS, and whose services we offer you without charge.

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M. J. Kohns

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14 East 23rd St., near Fourth Ave.  
54 West 125th St., near Lenox Ave.  
442 Columbus Ave., 8th & 9th Sts.

439 Fulton Street, BROOKLYN.  
Opposite Atlantic & Stags.

## FIRE ALARM FIEND CAPTURED AT BOX

Newberger Was Sending Third  
False Call in Same  
Hour.

Hour.

Great Figge Provision House  
Nearly Consumed for  
Lack of Water.

Edward Newberger, formerly a sailor on the United States battleship tender Arbutus, and now living with his mother at No. 20 West Thirty-fifth street, was turning in false alarms at the rate of three an hour this afternoon, when he was nabbed. His hour's amusement cost the city, in round figures, \$250, for he had the satisfaction of seeing two fire engines dash to the corner each time and also called the fireboats McCallan and New Yorker to the river front uptown.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock two alarms rang from Eleventh avenue and Thirty-third street. At Twelfth avenue and Thirty-third street Newberger broke some more glass. W. H. Plum, of No. 30 Eleventh avenue, saw him busy at the box and grabbed him. Policeman Lynch, of the West Thirty-seventh street station, did the rest.

Deputy Fire Commissioner Langford complained against Newberger, and he was turned into the psychopathic ward at Bellevue Hospital. Newberger was discharged in court this morning on the charge of threatening his mother with violence because she did not wish to prosecute him. He is thirty years old.

BOY ACCUSES FATHER

AS CRIMINAL IN COURT

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Sixteen-year-old Joseph Mulhall testified to-day that his father, James T. Mulhall, is a criminal.

It is alleged that the elder Mulhall was implicated in the swindling of Minnesota produce raisers under the name of the Nicolet Creamery Company of Minneapolis. He is said now to be a fugitive in Canada. Jacob Mathison, arrested in Chicago for the same offense as alleged against Mulhall, is fighting extradition and it was in connection with these proceedings that young Mulhall appeared in court.

He was the only witness examined by the government and testified that his father and Nathanson were engaged in business in Minneapolis under false names and made misrepresentations through the mails to the growers of produce. Mulhall declared that he had been employed by his father in this unlawful business and was anxious to get away from him and lead an honest life.

While young Mulhall was testifying the government called to the stand Miss Anna Mulhall, attempted to influence his testimony by sobs and whisperings. They were compelled to leave the courtroom.

SUNDAY DRINK CRUSADE.

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## BURSTING HOSE HELPS TO WRECK BROOKLYN PLANT

Great Figge Provision House  
Nearly Consumed for  
Lack of Water.

Hour.

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Lack of Water.

Bursting hose was largely responsible for a \$100,000 fire loss to the four-story wholesale provision plant of Fred Figge, Atlantic avenue and Smith street, Brooklyn, to-day. Just as the men of Hook and Ladder Company No. 18 had the blaze well under control while it was in its inception two lengths of hose broke in three places, deluging a score of firemen and preventing water from reaching the second floor.

On the second floor of the Smith street side is the lard department. Extra precautions against fire are taken in this section, and it was there the firemen concentrated their attack. One of the streams were withdrawn the fire flared from the greasy floors and walls and soon was shooting up through the floor above and the roof.

A second and a third alarm followed. By the time streams were playing on the rear of the building the fire had practically consumed all that was destructible on the four floors. In the front of the building on the second and third floors are apartments which are occupied by employees of the concern and their families. A thick, fire-protected wall separates the living rooms from the business portion.

Terror stricken, the families fled into the streets. The excitement added to their fears and the police had difficulty in preventing them from rushing back to secure valuables left in their dwellings. Their fear proved groundless, for the heavy wall protected the apartments. The lard and provisions led the fire, when burned briskly for more than an hour, when it was subdued. The rear of the plant is almost a total loss, and hundreds of cases of provisions in the Atlantic avenue side of the building are soaked.

The fire was watched by an immense crowd, which made an angry demonstration when the bursting hose gave the flames new life.

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